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(LATE ST. JAMES).
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modern style, is now prepared for the
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Is furnished with the
Best Ales, Wines, Liquors, and Cigars.
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my premises, the numbers of
which are known to me and for
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has been offered, I therefore warn
all persons from taking any such
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THE PRIZE ESSAY ON BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The correspondence respecting the alterations made in the Prize Essay on British Columbia published by our British Columbian contemporary on Wednesday last, is a terrible exposure of the way in which things are managed in New Westminster. Our readers will be aware that a prize of £50 was awarded by the judges for the essay written by the Rev. R. C. L. Brown, Incumbent of Lillooet. A pamphlet has now been published under the authority of the Colonial Secretary, printed under the supervision of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and put forth to the public as the prize essay. The judges repudiate the published essay partially, and are particularly indignant at one particular addition, in which mention is made of "an influential clique at New Westminster." This passage did not appear in the original essay. The question is, how did it find its way into the printed copy? The government of British Columbia is complimented in the printed essay, whereas in the original manuscript, as we are informed by the *British Columbian*, as the authority of the notes of the judges taken at the time the essays were under consideration, Government was censured for maladministration. The Ven. Archdeacon Wright, who was one of the judges, did not join in the formal application made by his colleagues for the return of the essay manuscript to the Board of Judges, but he writes to the Colonial Secretary, and in his letter states his belief that much of the original essay has been destroyed, as Mr. Brown informed him that he had re-written much of it. It might very possibly be necessary for Mr. Brown to re-write portions of the essay, in order to comply with the instructions received by him from Government to condense the matter to render it fitting for the press; but he had no right to change the tone of the essay in any way, and we do not think that the alteration complained of has been made by the author of the essay. We believe that Mr. Brown has too much independence of character and upright integrity to consent to the publication of an essay differing in any essential point to that for which a prize has been awarded to him. We think that he would have acted more wisely if he had declined to condense the essay at all. The proper reply when called upon to do so would have been, either print what I have written or do not publish at all. We believe that the explanation that Mr. Brown would give of the matter would be, that acting upon the instructions he received, he did condense the manuscript, but that the alterations are not his. We imagine that he did not see the proof sheets of his essay, and that he is not a consenting party to the publication of the printed pamphlet. As for the insinuation in Mr. Young's reply to the Archdeacon, that certain persons had to his knowledge tried to tamper with the author after the prizes had been awarded, we are quite sure that Mr. Brown would not listen to them. We deprecate exceedingly any allusion to politics, whether for or against the local government, in a Prize Essay which is intended to be descriptive of the resources, prospects and requirements of a country. It ought not to be made a vehicle for the display of colonial politics. In all the prize essays of the kind which have come within our notice, politics are completely ignored. However, the judges have apparently been gratified by the political tone of Mr. Brown's composition. Perhaps it was that very tone which guided them in their decision. Be this as it may, they have a fair right to call upon Mr. Young to produce the original essay that they may have the satisfaction of seeing who made the alterations.

THE CASE OF MR. TEMPLETON AND THE WANT OF A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

An eloquent appeal is made through our morning contemporary, by the Reverend Mr. Garrett, on behalf of the unfortunate member of our community, Mr. Templeton, who is suffering from a derangement of intellect, which may very probably, in the absence of proper care and attention, become confirmed lunacy. There is, unfortunately, no place in Victoria where that proper care and attention can be bestowed on a case of this kind, therefore, Mr. Garrett's suggestion of sending him home is, under the circumstances, the best that can be offered, and we shall be exceedingly glad to hear of its being carried out, we have very little doubt that if his cause is taken up by others as energetically as it has been advocated by that gentleman, the requisite funds will very speedily be raised. But upon being called upon to exercise their charity in this case, which happily for our colony, is one of a nature from which our community have been more than usually exempted, the question will naturally occur. Are we to be called upon for a subscription to defray the expenses of a passage to England for every unfortunate lunatic, who may happen to be afflicted with madness in the colony? The expense attending such transportation must always be great, in consequence of some degree of restraint, and the supervision of a keeper being necessary. Would it not be better to turn such subscriptions towards a more comprehensive object? such as the establishment of a lunatic asylum.

It has been found necessary in England, on account of the lamentable increase of insanity within the last ten years, to establish lunatic asylums in most of the counties. These asylums have for the most part been erected and carried on by a fund drawn from the county rate;—and it has been found that the expense of supporting proper lunatics has not been increased under the improved system, but rather the reverse, whilst from the additional care bestowed upon the unfortunate inmates recoveries have become much more frequent.

In Victoria we have no lunatic asylum, no place whatever in which an insane person can be kept under any sort of control except the gaol, and that is only open to criminal lunatics; it is bad enough that they should be confined there. Witness the case of the unfortunate maniac who has been confined there for some time past—he is kept in a cell next to the room used as a debtor's prison, and we have been told that his ravings and the noise he creates in there are at times most excessive. A gaol is not a proper place for the confinement of lunatics, and they cannot possibly be admitted to the hospital. With so large a population as we now have in Victoria a Lunatic Asylum is an urgent requirement. Suppose the case of a dangerous lunatic with no friend to take care of or restrain him, he is to be left to roam the streets at will until he commits some criminal act which will bring him under cognizance of the police? which criminal act is as likely to be murder as anything else. New countries are generally com-

atively free from the malady, but it cannot be expected that some cases will occur. Is it not then the duty of government to provide an asylum? If a proper building were erected for the purpose, a small fund only would be necessary for its annual support; a master and matron would probably be the only officials that it would be requisite to employ on an annual salary, the expense of keepers would only arise as the necessity for employing them increased. No doubt the requisite funds for such a purpose could be readily raised by public subscription, but we think that it is a matter that ought to be taken up by government. We commend it to the House of Assembly for consideration.

In the meantime and until some better arrangements than at present exist are made, we do not see what better step can be taken than to endeavour to send to their native country and friends, all who may have the misfortune to be afflicted with mental aberration such as renders them unable to support themselves, or dangerous to society at large.

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

Such is the name of a Council which Mr. Burnaby proposes that the Assembly shall ask the Governor to appoint. Were it not that the proposition is partially qualified by the statement that the object of the Ministerial Council is to initiate and carry on the public business in the Legislature, we might conclude that we were on the eve of discussing Responsible Government. In the absence, however, of light on the subject, we may remark that the idea of a mere Ministerial Council to put the public business through the Assembly is a novelty; and it is very questionable whether any such power exists in the Governor. No one will be bold enough, perhaps, to tell us that the Queen could constitutionally appoint such a Council in England. So great a departure from constitutional precedents would scarcely be acceptable to the English people; and the question may naturally arise whether such a novelty would be favorably received here. Were it established, we would have three Councils—one more than exists in any other colony. Such a number of Legislative machines might work well; but in a small community, possibly the fewer the better. If we are not advanced enough for a ministry in the constitutional sense, it is questionable whether we are in a condition for a novelty. It may be very desirable to surround a new Governor with men who are exponents of the people. A stranger may need such advice as they may be able to give; but whether the proposition of Mr. Burnaby goes that far, we are at a loss to say. It would be premature to say it did or did not till his idea takes shape and form. If it does not, we cannot understand the advantages of a Council merely to introduce and advocate Government measures in the Legislature. Certainly there ought to be enough public-spirited members to do that work, without being constituted specially into a Council.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING,
September 25th, 1863.

—THE—
MARSH TROUPE!

Has established themselves as the FAVORITES OF THE PUBLIC, and will appear this Evening at
ENTIRELY NEW BILL.
This Evening the performance will commence with Poole's stirring and Comical Comedy in 3 Acts, entitled,
PAUL PRY,

—THE—
I Hope I Don't Intrude!

Singing and Dancing!

GRAND CHINESE DANCE!

By 20 of the Troupe—Positively the last time.

The performance to conclude with the laughable Farce of
Jumbo Jum!

Jumbo Jum. Mr. R. G. Marsh (his first appearance)

—THE—
Aggricultural Dinner,

AT THE
ST. GEORGE HOTEL,

On the 30th inst., at 6 1-2 p. m.

IT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED
by the Committee of Management that the

TICKETS

Be applied for at an Early Day, the number being limited.

They can be procured from the Committee, Messrs. Franklin, Crooks, Skanks, and Elliott—or at the Store of Hildes & Carswell, Sealy & Moore, or of the Secretary.

—THE—
CAUTION.

To the British Public resident in Great Britain, in the Colonies, and elsewhere.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE NOT

implicated, directly or indirectly, in the transaction of raising upon the public a spurious pamphlet, into which have been surreptitiously introduced matter calculated to convey a false impression respecting the Colony, and entitled and styled as the "British Columbian," &c.; by the Rev. R. C. L. Brown, M. A.

(Signed) W. F. COLMAK, H. HOLBROOK, Judges of Prize Essays on British Columbia. New Westminster, Sept. 18, 1863.

—THE—
Wanted.

A DOMESTIC SERVANT. APPLY AT

the office of J. J. COCHRANE, Government Street.

Notice to Builders!

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED

until 2 p. m. on MONDAY, the 25th inst., for the erection of a Brick Two Cottage.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the office of

RICHARD LEWIS, Architect, Government Street.

Notice to all Exporters of Goods and Merchandise.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT

of His Majesty, the King of the Hawaiian Islands, the undersigned hereby notifies all Exporters of Goods and Merchandise arising from that Kingdom that the Import duty thereon will be calculated at the rate of 10 per cent. on the Invoice value, as ascertained by the Customs House at the Port of shipment, less the precise amount of the increase in the Invoice value of the goods in the value of said Invoice at the time of their departure from the Port of shipment, and that the depreciation of the currency at the date of said Invoice, but that the reduction of duties whatever will be allowed, unless the Invoice, as presented for clearance at the Customs House, be accompanied with a Certificate under the Seal and Signature of the undersigned, stating the per-centage of the increase in the value of said Invoice at the time of their departure from the Port of shipment, and that the depreciation of the currency at the date of said Invoice, but that the reduction of duties whatever will be 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AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

Messrs. FRANKLIN will sell at Sale-room, Government street, valuable property, situated on Government, Fort, Chatham Discovery and other streets in Victoria; also Real Estate in several localities.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell, by order of the Assignees of Lewis Levy, of Johnson street, opposite the Miner's Saloon, the Stock in Trade, comprising various kinds of Groceries, such as Flour, Cloth, Canvas, Boots, Shoes, Hats, and other articles, also the Store Fixtures.

Police Court.

BEFORE A. F. PENDERBENT, ESQ.

THURSDAY, 24th Sept., 1863.

AN IMPUDENT CUSTOMER.

John Rooney, the individual who has been lately making himself conspicuous in the Police court, was charged with being a rogue and a vagabond.

Sergeant Blake stated that the prisoner had no ostensible means of subsistence, and when offered work he refused it.

Mr. Pemberton (to prisoner)—You are charged with being a rogue and a vagabond; how can you answer to the charges?

Prisoner—How am I a rogue? What have I done?

Sergeant Blake—You have gone into Indian houses and taken things against their will.

Rooney—I say I did not; they gave them to me.

Mr. Elmhurst—You were called, who stated that prisoner had been in his shop helping himself to fruit and other articles?

Rooney—He commenced to be abusive, and threw apples about.

Rooney—You are a liar, sir, and the truth is not in you. (Laughter.)

Mr. Pemberton (to prisoner)—Mind what you are about; you are in the hands of justice.

Rooney—Oh, there's no justice in the court. (Laughter.)

Witness—Did you kick me?

Rooney—I did not kick you.

Rooney—You did, you vagabond. Tell the truth; you kicked me and threw apples at me. (Laughter.)

Mr. A. H. Hume was next called, who stated that he saw the prisoner throw apples into the store and across the street.

Rooney—You are my witness. Did you see him kick me?

Witness—No.

Rooney—Then you didn't see any of it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Pemberton—We must see whether the superintendent of the chain gang can do anything with you. I convict you of being a rogue and a vagabond, and sentence you to three months' hard labor.

Rooney—I don't care a cent for your hard labor. (Laughter.)

Mr. Pemberton—Perhaps that will put you in your senses.

Rooney—I am in my senses, and I'll put you in yours before I've done with you. (Great laughter.)

The prisoner, on being removed from the court, menacing himself in a menacing attitude, which occasioned considerable merriment.

ALLEGED THEFT.—The case of Peter Jewell, a Dane, charged with stealing from \$250 to \$270 from one Martin, a grocer on Humboldt street, came up for final hearing yesterday before Mr. Pemberton—Mr. Donnes prosecuting, and Mr. Bishop defending. The prosecutor was subject to a close examination, and several other witnesses were called. The evidence was contradictory in some of the details by witnesses called by Mr. Bishop for defence, and on the case being closed, Mr. Pemberton said that he did not wish to accuse the prosecutor of wilful perjury, but he had been so directly contradicted in some of his statements by the Police officers that it would be utterly useless to send the case for trial upon such evidence. He would therefore discharge the prisoner.

READINGS AT THE LYCEUM.—Mr. H. Doncaster gave his readings, or more properly speaking, recitations last night in the Lyceum Hall to an attentive and appreciative audience. The reader gave very effective renderings of selections from the great authors and poets, and displayed wonderful powers of memory in the readiness with which he delivered lengthy passages from the different writers.

AN INEBRIATE.—Rather an amusing scene occurred yesterday in the Police Court, by an inebriate named Charles Bayley inviting the Bench into the dock "to take a drink." Bayley was ordered to be placed beyond the reach of alcoholic stimulants until he shall have sobered down.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The barkentine Monitor arrived yesterday morning from San Francisco. She was 19 days on the passage, but was detained some days landing stock at Nah Bay. She brings a large assortment of merchandise, and is discharging at the H. B. Company's wharf.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SOUND.—We learn from the Overland Press that the schooner Sarah Newton, Captain Alexander, will make regular weekly trips between Olympia and this Port, touching at the intermediate Ports, leaving Olympia every Sunday morning.

TREASON'S SUSPICION BRIDGE.—We understand that the travelling public will no longer be inconvenienced by the delay in opening this handsome and useful structure. Orders have been sent up to open the bridge forthwith to traffic.

LUMBER.—The new Eliza with 30 M. tons of lumber to Sayward, arrived on Wednesday night from Chemainus, and the sloop John Thornton yesterday from Uvalady, with 30 M. tons for McAlister.

CAOPS IS ENLARGED.—It will be gratifying to our English readers to learn that the harvest in England this season has been remarkably abundant. We hear of wheat in Essex yielding eighty bushels to the acre, where the usual average was about thirty.

ASSAULTING POLICE.—James Jones, a seaman was convicted in the Police court yesterday of being drunk and uproarious, and assaulting the police in the execution of their duty, and was fined \$10, in default, to suffer one month's imprisonment.

BARLEY.—We have been shown some fine samples of Chevalier Barley grown upon Mr. Skinner's property. We presume that this splendid Island grain will figure conspicuously in the forthcoming exhibition.

FINE BUILDING SITES.—Among the building lots offered at auction to-day, is a beautiful site at the corner of Mose and Fort streets, near the residences of J. W. Walker, Esq.

DISCHARGED.—Wm. Anderson and Benjamin Ward, having produced evidence of their respectability, were discharged from custody yesterday.

SETTLED.—The differences between the master and crew of the Philippine were settled out of court yesterday, and the men were discharged from custody.

SAILED.—H. M. S. Sutil, bearing the flag of Admiral King, left Esquimalt yesterday morning for a cruise on the station. She proceeded into the Straits under canvas.

LAND SALES.—Messrs. Franklin will offer for sale this day, at their auction rooms, on Government street, some valuable city and suburban property.

FROM WHIDBY ISLAND.—The sloop Reckless arrived yesterday with a cargo of hogs and beef from Whidby Island.

FROM THE SOUND.—The sloop Mary Ellen arrived yesterday with passengers and freight from the Sound.

THE SLOOP LOONED.—With live stock, arrived last night from New Dungeness.

THE CALEDONIA LEFT.—The Caledonia left last night at 11 o'clock for New Westminster.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—The performance last night by the Marsh Troupe was honored by the presence of His Excellency the Governor and suite, and in consequence attracted even a larger house than we have yet seen.

The proscenium and dress-circle were handsomely decorated with national flags. The attractive three act Comedy of the Ladies' Battle, was cleverly acted, and gave universal satisfaction. A novel and interesting entertainment was a Chinese dance executed by about 20 performers in the national costume which was capitally executed. The songs, songs by Miss Annie were particularly executed, and together with the Highland Fling by the Misses Annette and Charlotte had to be repeated in obedience to loud calls. Miss Selma again sang with her accustomed archness, and was encored. The redoubtable little Fiddles concluded the programme, and as on the previous occasion, produced continuous roars of applause by his humorous eccentricities. An excellent bill of fare is provided for this evening's amusement.

SKIDGATE COPPER COMPANY.—Fifty shares in this company changed hands yesterday at \$70 a share.

Meeting of the Board of Delegates.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—In reply to the statements of Mr. T. E. Edwards in last evening's Express, and "Fireman" in yesterday's morning Post, and in view of the facts which may be stated of the Regulations of the Department which will expose the lamentable ignorance displayed by both writers, and will also show to a discerning public the dishonest and contradictory nature of the press text with which certain members of the Board of Delegates endeavor to hide the party spirit which induces them to deny an impartial hearing to three expelled members of the Delegates Committee, and to appeal from the decision of their company. The facts are as follows: There is no mention whatever of a special place in which the meetings of the Board are to be held, even in the Laws and Regulations of the Department. The resolution of the Board to which "Fireman" refers is the following, viz: That the Beilge Engine House be the house of meeting for the Board of Delegates, until further arrangements are made. That the latter words will. Since then meetings of the Board have been held elsewhere at various times without a word of remonstrance from any member of the Board. There were no meetings of the Board, for instance, Nov. 12, 1862, Trial Engine 2 House, Feb. 11, 1863, Union Hook and Ladder House, Feb. 23, 1863, Union Hook and Ladder House, and on other occasions, in both places. From these instances it would appear that arrangements have been made and acted upon since the passage of the Resolution of the 11th February, 1862.

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On the other hand, we find Mr. E. Girardin, in the Press, raising his voice in favor of peace. The answer of the Russian Government he pronounces to be serious, moderate and firm; and it is impossible to deny that it is satisfactory to the public of the public has reached maturity, and it will not allow itself to be easily led astray by the warlike strains of journalists who are doing their best to raise up a false alarm against the other. Public opinion in France is against war, France has learnt the principles of political economy. Every war requires sacrifices of men and money; France has not more hands than she needs for the cultivation of her fields and the execution of her public works. We know how war began, but we do not know how they may end, or the time they may last. No necessities need be felt at the moment. Mr. Drouyn Lhuillier, in his public opinion in France is against war, France has learnt the principles of political economy. 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